

1 research, technical support, and grants to certified
2 convention and tourism bureaus, and (v) provide staff,
3 administration, and related support required to manage the
4 programs under this Section, and (vi) provide grants for the
5 development of or the enhancement of international tourism
6 attractions.

7 (b) The Department shall make grants for expenses
8 related to international tourism and pay for the staffing,
9 administration, and related support from the International
10 Tourism Fund, a special fund created in the State Treasury.
11 Of the amounts deposited into the Fund in fiscal year 2000
12 after January 1, 2000, 55% shall be used for grants to
13 convention and tourism bureaus in Chicago (other than the
14 City of Chicago's Office of Tourism) and 45% shall be used
15 for development of international tourism in areas outside of
16 Chicago. Of the amounts deposited into the Fund in fiscal
17 year 2001 and thereafter, 55% shall be used for grants to
18 convention and tourism bureaus in Chicago, and of that amount
19 not less than 27.5% shall be used for grants to the City of
20 Chicago's Office of Tourism, 27.5% shall be used for grants
21 to other convention and tourism bureaus in Chicago other than
22 the City of Chicago's Office of Tourism, and 45% shall be
23 used for administrative expenses authorized under this
24 Section and development of international tourism in areas
25 outside of Chicago, of which not less than \$1,000,000 shall
26 be used annually to make grants to convention and tourism
27 bureaus in cities other than Chicago that demonstrate their
28 international tourism appeal and request to develop or expand
29 their international tourism marketing program, and may also
30 be used to provide grants under item (vi) of subsection (a)
31 of this Section.

32 (c) A convention and tourism bureau is eligible to
33 receive grant moneys under this Section if the bureau is
34 certified to receive funds under Title 14 of the Illinois

1 Administrative Code, Section 550.35. To be eligible for a
2 grant, a convention and tourism bureau must provide matching
3 funds equal to the grant amount. In certain circumstances as
4 determined by the Director of Commerce and Community Affairs,
5 however, the City of Chicago's Office of Tourism or any other
6 and--all convention and tourism bureau may bureaus-must
7 provide matching funds equal to no less than 50% of the grant
8 amount to be eligible to receive the grant. One-half of this
9 50% may be provided through in-kind contributions. Grants
10 received by the City of Chicago's Office of Tourism and by
11 convention and tourism bureaus in Chicago may be expended for
12 the general purposes of promoting conventions and tourism.
13 (Source: P.A. 91-604, eff. 8-16-99; 91-683, eff. 1-26-00.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
15 July 1, 2001."